

PBSO General Membership Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Annie Maxson, PBSO President.

The treasurer went over her report and pointed out some highlights.

- Tag Day very successful – over \$19,000; best year yet.
- Taxes have been finished; waiting for VA tax exempt information.
- No Tots concert as a fund raiser; limited responses from schools, day cares, etc.

New Business:

- So far, \$910 in VBODA ads; mainly businesses. Deadline for parent ads is September 18th.
- Concert attire fittings next Wednesday and Thursday during class. If your first year, will need to purchase except for the jackets; \$25 rental. Also, Symphonic band females will need to purchase \$6 pearl necklace.
- Sarah Grasty from the Patriot Boosters spoke about the Booster organization.
 - Trying new ways to generate membership; make is special like VIP Booster entrance to football games.
 - 2800 students in the school, only 100 members in the Boosters. Membership ranges from \$25 - \$1200, and the Boosters isn't a "sports" organization. It supports all school activities, like the marching band.
 - Purchasing the Patriot Athletic Pass doesn't support the Boosters; need help getting folks to join and support the students' organizations.
 - Also spoke about PTSA; only 200 members and membership starts at \$10.
 - December 5th is the big Holiday Bazaar at the high school; from 9 am – 3 pm. Come support the PTSA and shop for the Holidays.
- VBODA isn't really that far off – need parent volunteers to fill committee chairs; 4 out of 8 filled.

Director's Comments:

- The band is looking and sounding good, and operating smoothly thanks largely to parent volunteers and support through the PBSO. Takes a lot of volunteers to make a band this size run well.
- Thanks to all the parent volunteers, especially all who helped with Tag Day. And a big thank you to Anne Rychlik for organizing and running Tag Day.
- Please keep band director informed about an concerns/issues with students course work – always flexible, but need to know ahead of time to adjust if necessary.
- Come out the competitions, support the band and BE LOUD! This isn't an assessment – it's a competition so don't be shy!
- Hosting VBODA again and need volunteers to make it run smoothly. Good working knowledge and notes from previous years.
- Tots Concert – interested in ideas on how to get more participation and make it more attractive to the target audience.

Old Business:

- Ice Cream social went well and thanks to all that helped. Band members enjoyed the extra ice cream!
- All the Patriot Cards were sold.
- Tag Day – again, huge thanks to Anne for running and all the volunteers, especially the drivers. Couldn't have been so successful (\$19,576) without the kids and volunteers.

Parent questions/concerns:

- None

President adjourned the meeting.